

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey  
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**6th Sunday of Easter 5th May 2024 Year B**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th May	Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Paul Tissington RIP
Sunday 5th May	6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Aileen Roberts RIP
		10.30am People of the Parish
Wednesday 8th May	Vigil-The Ascension	7.00pm Fr John Warnaby RIP
Thursday 9th May	<b>The Ascension of The Lord</b>	9.15am Pupils & Staff of St Joseph's School
Friday 10th May	Easter Feria	11.00am Funeral of Geraldine Horwood RIP
Saturday 11th May	Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter	6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 12th May	7th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Whelan family
		10.30am Jim Carson RIP

### CONFESSIONS by appointment only

**When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.**

### Liturgy of the Word: 5th May 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26    Psalm 102    John 4:11-16    John 17: 11-19

### Gospel Reflection from VIRC

It often seems that the more schooling we have the less able we are to handle the ambiguity of Christian living. The logic of scientific thought encourages us to focus upon one concept at a time. The poetic language of the scriptures leads us to hold in a healthy tension concepts which, at first glance, seem mutually contradictory.

God calls us to a way of life which makes demands, yet God's ways frequently seem to contravene the way we have taken. This was certainly Peter's experience. Peter thought that only those born in Israel could come to Christ, but the manifestation of the Spirit's gifts in the life of the Gentile Cornelius shattered all his comfortable notions.

Christ's resurrection shattered all notions of how God might work among us. It destroyed all barriers which might hedge in the possibilities of God's power working in human history. Christ's victory showed forth the power of love: God's love which could draw forth from death the servant who had gone to death in obedience to love.

For the makers of greeting cards love might be sentimental and soft. For Christians, love is as strong and as real as the demands made by friends who are willing to die that the other might live. That gives greater cause for the singing of alleluias than do fuzzy fantasies about some sort of love which can be reduced to pastel holy cards. Only living in that sort of love will enable us to know that death and life, obedience and freedom, vigilance and surprise are but different refractions of one true Light.

**Fr John Warnaby RIP** We have many people to thank for their assistance in making the funeral of Fr John so memorable and personal. The family were very moved by all the efforts and outpouring of love shown for John. Please continue to remember Fr John and his family in your prayers.

The Solemnity of the **Ascension of the Lord** is on **Thursday 9th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be a vigil Mass on Wednesday 8th at 7pm. Mass on Thursday will be at 9.15am with the staff and pupils of St Joseph's attending.

**QUIZ NIGHT** St Matthew's Northwood are holding a quiz night on Saturday 11th May. Doors open at 7.00pm and starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 and include a ploughman's supper. There will also be a bar and a raffle. To reserve/buy tickets please call 01923 840736 or email northwood@rcdow.org.uk

**CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL** Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers

### 100 Club

The winners of our 3rd monthly draw held last Sunday 28th April:

£100 Geraldine Sweeney (103) , £50 Georgina Ford (46) and £25 Emma Pope (95)

The 4th monthly draw will be on **Sunday 26th May** after 8:30am Mass .

Some players have just paid for the first three draws. If you would like to continue playing can you please let the office know. We will need your £15 for the next 3 draws *by Monday 20th May at the latest*. Bank transfer is preferable, or cash.

### Run Nicholas Run!

Congratulations to parishioner Nicholas Birch who ran the London Marathon in support of the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. This is a charity close to his heart as his older sister, Helen Birch died last March, age 24 after battling cancer for 7 years. It is not too late to support Nicholas by donating through the link. There is a poster on the rear noticeboard with a QR code for ease <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicholas-birch5>

### Planned Giving envelopes

The new planned giving envelopes are in the Narthex waiting for collection. It is not too late to change your method of giving to the Parish! **The most helpful and secure way of supporting the parish is donating by monthly standing order**, which reduces our volunteers' work in counting. If you do want to swap to Standing Order there are forms left out for you to complete and return to the parish office.



**\*\*\* Our Lady of Willesden May Procession\*\*\*** Sunday 12th May at 3pm  
See poster in the Narthex

**\*\*\*Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham \*\*\***Saturday 1st June  
See poster in the Narthex

**\*\*\* Corpus Christi Procession\*\*\*** Sunday 2nd June from Warwick Street, London

### Offertory for Sunday 28th April

Loose £263.37 Envelopes £205.86 **Total £469.23**

*Many thanks*

### Vocations Days: 'Come and See'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on **Sat 1st June** 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at: [rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk) or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at: [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or call 07961 594725.

**Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers** especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley.  
**Pray for the recently deceased** especially Fr John Warnaby, Thomas Flynn and Geraldine Horwood.